

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 12, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1905, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and to fix the time for filing an answer in all cases where the defendant is cited by publication."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 12, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4610, of Chapter 1, Title 68, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that all persons desirous of marrying in this State shall procure a license authorizing its celebration, and declaring all marriages contracted, entered into or celebrated in any other manner, null and void,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the County Court of Hansford County the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bailey, Chairman; Alderdice, Hall, Hopkins, Decherd, Henderson, Dean.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 12, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Quarantine Station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

CALDWELL, Vice-Chairman.

SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Tuesday, January 16, 1917.

The Senate met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell.	McCollum.
Gibson.	Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Hudspeth. Suiter.
Smith.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Westbrook.

Simple Resolution.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

Whereas, Hon. John W. Veale, a former member of this honorable body is now in the gallery of the Senate; therefore be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the Senate and be given the privileges of the floor.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Former Senator Veale was escorted to the President's stand and addressed the Senate briefly.

Simple Resolution No. 21.

By Senator Lattimore:

Whereas, a resolution was offered in the House of Representatives of the State of Texas on January 15, beginning as follows:

"Whereas the Democratic party of Texas and of the Nation has always been committed to the principles of States Rights, and

"Whereas, our great President, Woodrow Wilson, who preserved his party to the people's hands after it had slumbered in defeat for eighteen years, believes that each State should have the right of local self government, and

"Whereas, the people of Texas are opposed to any tendency toward centralization in our government, and

"Whereas, it appears to the Senate of Texas that the State ought to be the unit in going upward and outward as well as downward and inward; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, that we recognize the State as the unit in all matters affecting the Constitution of this State and believe that when the question of amending the Constitution is submitted to the people of this State and a majority of those voting, favor the submission of such amendment

to the people, that then, as Democrats, and believers in State rights, we urge that all Democrats of this Senate and Legislature vote for such submission of such amendment."

The resolution was read and Senator Bailey made the point of order that the resolution was out of order, for the reason that the Senate could not instruct or urge a Senator how to vote, in accordance with the resolution.

Pending.

Executive Session.

The Chair here announced that the hour, 10:15 o'clock a. m., had arrived, which time had been previously designated by the Senate to sit in executive session to consider the appointments by the Governor, submitted on yesterday. Accordingly the Chamber was cleared of all those not entitled to remain and the Senate proceeded to executive session.

In executive session the following confirmations were made, being recess appointments:

Dr. E. B. Knolle of Austin County, appointed September 12, 1916, a member of the State Board of Health in place of Dr. H. L. McLauren, deceased.

Dr. Arthur M. McElhannon of Grayson County, appointed February 26, 1916, a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners, in place of M. P. McElhannon, resigned.

J. K. Freeman of Milam County, appointed June 26, 1915; F. L. Denison and Harry Stineburg of Bell County, appointed July 26, 1915, members of the State Mining Board.

Miss Emma Burleson of Travis County, appointed February 26, 1916, a member of the State Library and Historical Commission, in place of Mrs. John G. McKay, deceased.

D. H. Cunningham of Comanche County, appointed November 4, 1915, a member of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, in place of J. H. Avery, resigned.

Thomas L. Gross, Thomas J. Anderson, R. Waverly Smith, Charles N. Rhodes and Herman E. Kleincke, appointed June 4, 1915, and L. A. Adoue, appointed November 29, 1915, as members of Pilot Commission for the Port of Galveston.

J. M. Dullahan of Orange County, appointed November, 1915; D. W. Ryan of Jefferson County, appointed

October 27, 1915, and Harvey Fletcher of Jefferson County, appointed November 16, 1915, as Pilot Commissioners for Sabine Pass, river and tributaries.

Wilson Murray, Walter Thorp, Jr., J. E. Hennessey, M. J. Lang and W. E. Monk, appointed September 13, 1915, Public Weighers for Magnolia Park.

J. C. Jones of Gonzales County, J. W. Rainbolt of Gonzales County and Clyde Booth of Gonzales, appointed October 4, 1915, and December 23, 1915, respectively, as members of Gonzales Park Commission.

T. H. McGregor of Travis County, J. H. Fowler of Bexar County and J. H. Fricke of Galveston County appointed September 1, 1915, as members of Industrial Accident Board.

Wm. Scrimgeour, Fred W. Johnson, A. C. Steinhard, A. D. Smith, Jas. Boyle, H. G. Jones, L. C. Luth, B. F. Pomeroy, J. W. Simmons, H. L. Babcock, P. J. Stewart, H. B. Jobst, W. E. Hayman, W. W. Woolford, Lewis Locke, J. B. Woolford and G. M. Kelly, all of Galveston County, appointed June 21, 1916, as Branch Pilots for the Port of Galveston.

A. Olsen, F. C. Plummer, appointed December 11, 1915; W. P. Allen, Fred B. Plummer, appointed December 13, 1915; Chas. F. Wood, A. M. McFarland, B. F. Granger, Jerry B. Johnson, D. J. Wood and John Dillon, appointed January 4, 1916; Edgar Woodhouse, Don Allien, Jno. Kaper, Theodore Carlson, H. M. Frederickson, C. Christofferson and S. W. Livingston, appointed July 29, 1915; John Ferguson, appointed October 27, 1915, as Branch Pilots for Port Sabine, river and tributaries.

George M. Roberts of Aransas County, appointed November 16, 1915, E. B. Mercer and C. B. Walker, of Nueces County, appointed June 21 and November 21, 1916, respectively, as Branch Pilots for the Port of Aransas.

Albert Borrow of Brazoria County, appointed November 26, 1915; Frank Pessaro of Brazoria County, appointed February 4, 1916; S. W. Hudgins of Brazoria County, appointed April 13, 1916; Walter Cherry of Brazoria County, appointed July 10, 1916, and J. E. Gonzales of Brazoria County, appointed August 22, 1916, as Branch Pilots for the Mouth of Brazos River and Bar.

Fred Allien and J. W. Laughton, of Harris County, appointed January 21, 1916, as Branch Pilots for Port of Houston and Galveston Bar, to Houston and return only.

H. V. Robertson of Potter County, Milton Morris of Travis County, E. J. Archinard of Tarrant County, E. F. Hunter of Bexar County and W. P. Peter of Dallas County, as members of the State Board of Public Accountancy, appointed June 11, 1915.

H. C. Hubbs of Hays County and J. O. Coupland of Cherokee County, as members of Board of Appraisers for Forfeited School Lands; appointed June 17, 1915.

T. M. Dorset of Galveston County, T. J. Dick and J. A. Cameron of Galveston County, appointed September 14, 1915, as Wreck Masters for Galveston County.

C. N. Witcher of Lampasas County and J. H. Bowman of Johnson County, appointed August 2, 1915, in place of John S. Pannell and W. R. Davis, resigned, as members of Board of Managers for the Confederate Home.

H. B. Armstrong of Travis County, appointed July 23, 1915, and T. F. Hardy of Milam County, appointed July 4, 1915, as members of Board of Managers for the Confederate Woman's Home, in place of T. H. Davis and John H. Chiles of Travis County, resigned.

E. B. Gore of Hidalgo County, appointed September 30, 1915, as member of Board of Water Engineers.

Mrs. M. F. Lambert, Mrs. Eugene Lowe, and Mrs. O. Mitchell, of Refugio County, appointed December 4, 1916, as Commissioners of King's Burial Park.

R. M. Payne of Galveston County, appointed November 16, 1916, as Public Weigher for Texas City.

S. W. English of Cook County, appointed February 1, 1916, as State Fire Marshal.

Chas. H. Hurdleston of Tarrant County, appointed October 2, 1916, as Railroad Commissioner, in place of W. D. Williams, deceased.

P. H. Swearingen of Bexar County, appointed Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the Fourth District March 15, 1916, in place of J. F. Carl, resigned.

John Tipps of Rusk County, appointed September 23, 1916, as District Judge of the Fourth Judicial

District, in place of W. C. Buford, deceased.

R. M. Smith of Wood County, appointed August 17, 1915, as Judge of the Seventh Judicial District, in place of W. R. Heath, resigned.

Ireland Graves of Travis County, appointed August 14, 1916, as Judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial District, in place of C. A. Wilcox, resigned.

F. M. Spann of Bell County, appointed February 1, 1916, as Judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District in place of John D. Robinson, resigned.

J. B. Keith of Erath County, appointed August 21, 1916, as Judge of the Twenty-ninth Judicial District in place of W. J. Oxford, resigned.

William N. Bonner of Wichita County, appointed December 13, 1915, as Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial District, in place of J. W. Aiken, resigned.

W. D. Howe of El Paso County, appointed December 4, 1916, as Judge of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District, in place of Dan M. Jackson, resigned.

C. E. Dubose of Tom Green County, appointed November 15, 1916, as Judge of the Fifty-first Judicial District, in place of J. W. Timmins, deceased.

E. A. McDowell of Jefferson County, appointed June 19, 1915, as Judge of the Sixtieth Judicial District, in place of John M. Conley, resigned.

Joseph Jones of Val Verde County, appointed November 22, 1915, as Judge of the Sixty-third Judicial District, in place of W. C. Douglas, resigned.

Charles Gibbs of Midland County, appointed December 15, 1916, as Judge of the Seventieth Judicial District, in place of S. J. Isaacs, resigned.

V. W. Taylor of Jim Wells County, appointed Judge of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District, June 19, 1915.

J. D. Harvey of Waller County, appointed September 1, 1915, as District Judge of the Eightieth Judicial District.

Ben M. Terrell of Tarrant County, appointed July 2, 1915, as Judge of the Sixty-seventh Judicial District, in place of Marvin H. Brown, resigned.

H. J. Dannenbaum of Harris County, appointed October 2, 1915, as Judge of the Sixty-first Judicial

District, in place of John A. Reed, resigned.

DeWitt Bomer of Bell County, appointed February 12, 1916, as District Attorney for the Twenty-seventh Judicial District, to fill unexpired term of John L. Ward, resigned.

T. E. Hammond of Burnet County, appointed District Attorney for the Thirty-third District, in place of Dayton Moses, resigned.

Leigh Clark of El Paso County, appointed District Attorney for the Thirty-fourth Judicial District, in place of Wm. Bridges, resigned.

Milburn McMarty of Tom Green County, appointed March 30, 1916, as District Attorney for the Fifty-first Judicial District, in place of Alex Collins, resigned.

J. E. Leslie of Jim Wells County, appointed June 19, 1915, as District Attorney for the Seventy-ninth Judicial District.

C. J. Bartlett of Falls County, appointed Secretary of State, December 29, 1916, in place of John G. McKay, resigned.

C. O. Austin of Bexar County, appointed Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, August 31, 1916, in place of John S. Patterson, deceased.

Chas. L. Stowe of Grayson County, appointed Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, November 18, 1916, in place of J. A. Owens, deceased.

Dr. E. F. Jarrell of Dallas County, appointed November 4, as State Veterinarian, in place of Dr. W. T. Chrisman, deceased.

W. R. Brents of Grayson County, appointed December 6, 1916, as a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, in place of Dr. M. Faber, resigned.

Mrs. Wm. Bacon of Hunt County, C. J. Bartlett of Falls County, and Dr. Joe Gilbert of Travis County, to be members of Board of Managers of the State Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded, appointed March 27, 1916.

E. B. Hendricks of Brown County, appointed January 1, 1917, as Assistant Attorney General, in place of C. C. McDonald, resigned.

In the Senate.

(Pres. Pro Tem. Henderson in the Chair.)

By unanimous consent several

committee reports were offered and received.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Clark:

S. B. No. 135, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the sale of and defining agricultural seeds and mixed seeds; requiring their proper labeling; prohibiting mixture of seeds unless so labeled; providing for the collection of samples and their examination; defining noxious weeds and foreign matter; providing that certificate of analysis by the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be prima facie evidence in certain cases and regulating the measure of damages; designating an officer for the enforcement of the law; providing for the expense and enforcement of the law, and fixing penalties for its violation."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Hall:

S. B. No. 136, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more adequate system of laws relating to irrigation and declaring the unappropriated waters of the State the property of the State; authorizing their appropriation, storage and diversion for beneficial uses; perpetuating the Board of Water Engineers and prescribing its powers, duties and compensation; defining water rights and prescribing the method of acquiring, perfecting and preserving same; requiring application to be made to the Board of Water Engineers for permits to construct storage, diversion and distribution works, and prescribing the method thereof; limiting the right to the waters of the State to beneficial uses, and declaring forfeiture for abandonment of use; prescribing standards for the measurement of water; providing a method for the determination of water rights by the Board of Water Engineers; authorizing appeals from the decisions of the State Board of Water Engineers; and regulating the manner thereof; prescribing the method of serving notices on claimants and appropriators of water, and declaring the effects of failure to observe the same; authorizing the issuance of certificates of water rights and the

recording thereof; fixing certain fees; creating the office of Water Commissioner and prescribing the duties and compensation thereof; authorizing the appointment of special assistants and prescribing their duties and compensation; dividing the State into water divisions and providing for water districts; prescribing the method for determining and recording title to irrigation works, and establishing the period of limitation to quiet titles thereto; regulating partnership ditches; conferring the right of eminent domain in aid of construction of irrigation works; prohibiting the seeding of Johnson grass or Russian thistle on irrigation canals; prescribing penalties for violation of the provisions of this Act; requiring the making of annual report to the Board of Water Engineers; requiring the control of flowing artesian wells; authorizing the chartering of corporations to construct and operate irrigation and other works; authorizing contracts for the supply and delivery of water, and creating liens to secure payment thereof; authorizing the acquisition of lands by irrigation companies, and requiring the alienation thereof; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Hall:

S. B. No. 137, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish water improvement districts, to construct reservoirs, dams, canals, laterals, ditches, pumping plants and other internal improvements necessary to irrigation systems; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on irrigation propositions and establishment of such districts; and provide for the careful government and operation of such districts; and authorize such districts to issue bonds and assess property for taxation, and to levy and collect taxes in payment of bonds issued for such irrigation improvements and the maintenance thereof, and authorizing such districts to levy assessments for the maintenance thereof, and to assess and collect taxes for the payment of bonds issued on interest thereof, and the expenses of assessing and collecting such taxes; authorizing the election of directors and assessors and

collectors, and authorizing the appointment of all other necessary officers, attorneys, managers, engineers and employes of such district for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, providing for determining the lands included in said district and the addition of other territory to same, and the exclusion of territory from same; granting right of eminent domain for such district and authorizing such districts to acquire by purchase, gift, grant or condemnation for such district, the title to any right of way and other necessary property, and providing for the payment thereof; providing for the acquiring of water rights for such district, and providing for the distribution of water by such districts, and the sale of water; authorizing such districts to do all things necessary for the establishment and maintenance of such districts, and construction and maintenance of all necessary improvements, and to levy and collect assessments for the maintenance thereof; providing for the selection of depositories, for the maintenance of an office, for the keeping of books and accounts by such district; fixing a lien and penalties to enforce the collection of taxes; fixing a lien and penalty to enforce the collection of assessments; providing for the filing of suits to establish the validity of the formation of such districts, and providing for the Attorney General of the State to file answers in such proceedings, and fixing the venue of such actions; authorizing the addition of territory within two or more counties to establish districts, and authorizing the formation of districts including territory in two or more counties, providing for election in such district and the method of making returns and declaring the result of such election; providing that suit may be instituted in the name of the State of Texas by the Attorney General; providing for the distribution of water among the water users of such district; providing generally a complete system for the formation of water improvement districts, the governing of such districts, and the dissolution of such districts; providing that such districts may acquire existing drainage improvements and pay the debts of same; providing that such districts may construct drainage ditches and improvements and may construct levees and may pay for all such im-

provements; providing for the validation and continuing in force of all irrigation districts heretofore formed and now existing in the State of Texas; repealing an Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, being Chapter 172 of said Acts of 1913 of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Bee:

S. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for an appeal from interlocutory orders overruling motions to vacate orders appointing receivers."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Westbrook:

S. B. No. 139, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4980, Title 72, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, so as to provide that the penalty for the charge or collection of usurious interest shall be the forfeiture of principal as well as interest, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and providing an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Alderdice:

S. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a common county line school district, to be known as the Auburn District, to be under the jurisdiction, management and control of the county school board of Ellis County, Texas; to be composed of the territory described in this Act and defining the rights, powers and privileges of such district and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Harley:

S. J. R. No. 6, A Joint Resolution to amend Section 1, of Article VIII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the Legislature to exempt cotton and woolen factories from State taxes for a period of time not exceeding fifteen years, and authorizing counties, cities and towns to exempt any factory or factories from county or municipal taxes for a period of time not exceeding fifteen years, by a majority vote of

the qualified property tax-paying voters of such county, city or town."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Simple Resolution No. 21.

(Pending Business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, Simple Resolution No. 21, the question being on the point of order.

President Pro Tem. Henderson presiding, Senator Lattimore moved that the pending business be postponed until such time as Lieutenant Governor Hobby was presiding, he being in the chair at the time the point of order was made.

The motion was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 83—Recommitted.

Senator McNealus here moved that S. B. No. 83, which had been reported favorably, be withdrawn from the printer and be re-referred to Committee on Mining and Irrigation.

The motion was adopted and the bill so re-referred.

Senate Bill No. 107.

(By unanimous consent.)

By request of Senator Johnson of Hall:

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. B. No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Hansford County the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 107 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	

Absent.

Bee.	Woodward.
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Hudspeth.	Sulter.
Smith.	

The bill was then read third time and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Alderdice.	Harley.
Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Westbrook.

Absent.

McCollum.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Hudspeth.	Sulter.
Smith.	

Senator Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill 107 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Joint Session.

Here the Senate was at ease for a short time, and at 5 minutes of high noon the members repaired to the Hall of the House of Represen-

tatives for the purpose of the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

In Joint Session.

Note: The proceedings of the joint session will appear in tomorrow's Journal.

In the Senate.

(Adjournment.)

On motion of Senator Westbrook the Senate at 1:40 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, To be entitled "A Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article VII, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy of a special tax of not exceeding seventy-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation and a vehicle tax of not exceeding one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for the improvement and maintenance of public roads,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

S. J. R. No. 4, To be entitled a "Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to the people of Texas, an amendment to the Constitution of

the State of Texas, striking therefrom Sections 14 and 16, Article VIII, and by amending Section 44, Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to abolish the offices of assessor of taxes, collector of taxes and county treasurer, and creating the office of assessor and collector of taxes for each county,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an appropriation for the maintenance and support of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in conformity to the provisions of an Act passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature 'providing for the issuance of certain State bonds and authorizing the retirement of certain bonds of the State of Texas, etc.' and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

CALDWELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation for the cost of construction of a fire proof dormitory; to supplement the present available appropriation for the erection of a power plant, and to provide for the maintenance, support and direction of the Summer School at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

CALDWELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act constituting the several district judges of counties of certain population a Juvenile Board of such county, and prescribing the powers and duties of such board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment or compensation of such officers and allowing the said district judges an additional salary, to be paid out of the general fund of such county."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420, Chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, providing that no property encumbered by certain liens shall be set aside to the widow or children as exempt property, or appropriated to make up allowances in lieu of exempt property, or for a year's support, until the debts secured by such liens are first discharged, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out in Article 3420 the words "or other lien or liens valid at date of execution."

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to construct and complete necessary buildings for the new Texas School for the Blind, and to build necessary fences, walks and drives, and to

beautify the grounds, and to furnish all necessary apparatus, equipment and furniture, and to pay the expenses of moving in order to have the said school ready for occupancy, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

CALDWELL, Vice-Chairman.

SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Wednesday, January 17, 1917.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.
Harley.	

Absent.

Dean.	Johnston of Harris
Gibson.	Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Smith.	Westbrook.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Johnson.

Simple Resolution No. 22.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

Whereas, the Senator from Hunt, Hon. Ed Westbrook, has been called home on account of the death of his mother; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate hereby